Proper utilization of printing material in CMERI

988. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the printing and lithographic material purchased|issued by the lithorgraphy section of Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute, Durgapur, is used for official purposes only and proper records for the last three years have been maintained;

(b) whether fake purchase of stationery material in CMERI, Durgapur is done regularly in collusion with the Administrative officer and the Senior Finance and Accounts Officer;

(c) whether contracts for maintenance jobs are given to outside parties even though such facilities exist in the institute; and

(d) if so what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) we have receive no such complaint.

(c) and (d) Maintenance jobs are undertaken in the Institute wherever such facilities exist. However, in case of sophisticated equipments, contract for maintenance us usually given to the manufacturer|authorised dealer.

Acceptance of sponsored projects by scientists in CMERI

989. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sponsored projects which commensurate with the professional qualifications and experience of scientists of Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute, Durgapur are accepted by them;

(b) whether a scientist of the Chemistry Section, who is a Ph. D. in corrossion, had refused a corrossion job in the Fertilizer Corporation of India, Duragapur, in the year 1981-82;

(c) whether scientists engaged in extra-curricular work like sports and cultural functions organised by the outside parties which do not involve any research activities, are given due importance and credit in assessment of their promotions; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINNSTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Contract for erection of automatic lifts in CMERI

990. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contract for erection and commissioning of two automatic lifts in CMERI, Durgapur for multistoried buildings have been given to an employee of the Institute in the name of some outside contractor;

(b) whether ten Permanent liftmen, employed to operate the lifts in four multistoried buildings are working for the erection and commissioning of the automatic lifts under direct supervision of the incharge of electrical maintenance Section on payment basis;

(c) whether the lifts in four multistoried buildings are running properly without any hardships to the occupants;

(d) whether the Administrative Officer and the Senior Finance and Accounts Officer, residing in the multistorey buildings overlook all these malpractices and allow them to go on for some personal benefits; and

(e) if so, what are reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY , ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The contract for erection and commissioning of lifts were awarded to M|s Bharat Bijlee Limited for Olympus Lifts. We have no information about the involvement of any employee of the Institute in this concern.

(b) The Scientist-in-Charge (Electrical) has to supervise the erection and commissioning of lifts, since he is overall responsible. This may sometimes require the presence of some of the liftmen on duty on the spot.

(c) Except occasional breakdown and power failures, lifts are running for two shifts. However, no payment is being charged by the CMERI for this from the contractor.

(d) The Administrative Officer and the Senior Finance & Accounts Officer are residing in the multistoried buildings but no such complaint regarding their overlooking any malpractices has been received.

(e) Does not arise.

Indigenous manufacture of computers

991. SHRI KALPNATH RAI Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the computers being used in different fields in the country have been manufactured indigenously or imported from abroad;

(b) whether in view of the increasing use of computers in the country, Government propose to gear up indigenous manufacture of the computers; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the plants set up so far and their production capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Computers used in the country so far has been mostly of imported origin. But in the recent years with the liberalisation of computer manufacturing policy, the trend is gradually shifting to indigenously manufactured computers. At present import is only being allowed in the category of Large Mainframe Super Minicomputers and specialised range of dedicated systems for which indigenous capability does not exist.

(b) Yes Sir, the country has built up knowhow infrastructure to manufacture minicomputer|Microprocessor based system including Personal| Home Computers. As regards Mainframe range of computers Government has approved import of knowhow through M|s Control Data Corporation, USA and for Super Minicomputers through M|s Norsk Data AS of Norway. It is expected that by 1990, the country would be able to meet about 85 per cent of the computer requirements through indigenous sources.

(c) In the past about 150 units have been approved in the organised sector and about 300 units in the small scale sector for the manufacture of computers and of of this 101 units have reported production of computer related products. The details are enclosed as Annexure. [See Appendix CXI, Annexure No. 40].